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Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 7-21-03 (Prel. Amndt.)
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 1 1; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 53, 55 and 60-66 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 53, 55 and 60-66 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1 7.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☐ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Other _____

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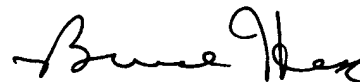
1. Claims 53, 55 and 60-65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the patent to Mitsubishi either alone or in view of the patent to Akiya for the reasons of record set forth in Paper No. 27.

Claim 66 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the patents to Mitsubishi and Rimai either alone or in combination with the patent to Akiya. The teachings and applicability of the above patents is fully discussed in paper No. 27.

The use of an anchor layer is deemed optional by Mitsubishi. Hence, Mitsubishi clearly contemplate the application of PMP directly to the support. The process argument that the Mitsubishi article is not intended for use as transfer material is not dispositive of the issue of the patentability of the present article claims.

2. Claims 53, 55 and 60 – 65 are rejected under 35 USC 112 (second paragraph). All claims recite a "carrier providing a surface ... being provided by a layer or coating of polymethylpentane material on a backing sheet". Is the carrier a separate element or is it the same thing as the backing sheet?

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Bruce Hess at telephone number (703) 308-2402.



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